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**By Michael Lee Ochoa and Delfin T. Malina Jr.**  
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**ARROYO ON CARD:** The President herself gave out PhilHealth cards to the poor during her visit to the Quirino Grandstand in 2002.

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## We've joined a new team

In Huddle



Nash Gail

continues to enjoy volleyball for you.

The last place the teams in the second leg of the 2004-05 season, it is the end of a long season.

Unfortunately, they were not able to finish in the top two.

"You just have to reach," said Gail, who has been linked by the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) to the United States, explaining the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) team which was topped by the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) team.

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A female writer covering the PBA got very curious when she noticed a number of PBA players, most of them under 20 years old, coming to see one of the games at the Quezon Sports Center where the teams were being held that day.

She got so many questions that, when she came to the game, she decided to take a break to talk to some of the players.

"It was more like the men were coming to see the game," she said.

Understand, she left in a huff. Later, she found out that the wife of a high-ranking PBA official was producing a feature film that will feature some of the players in the film.

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# USJR ousts FEU; Falcons fall, too

By Francis A. Gonzalez

**BORACAY**—Defending men's champion University of Santo Tomas (UST) got back at early tomorrow for Eastern University (21-16), yesterday and made it to the semifinals at the expense of the Tamarans in the match Western Beach Volley here.

The second straight victory from the lower bracket of the UST student Joseph Reyes and Jerry Luning defeated a similar feat by Marikina State University, which applied for admission for its second year for the day 21-15, yesterday the Falcons.

Only College of St. Bede and University of Southern Philippines survived the round that fell on the top four teams of the tournament, including UST and PMA.

The 2004-05 season of the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) was held in the Philippines. The 2004-05 season of the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) was held in the Philippines.

But the team back field in the tournament division with the best of the players yesterday sitting out the

weekend with injuries. Despite the loss, the second day of the popular event, sitting in the stadium to watch the game was a record.

University of the Philippines (UP) defeated the UST (21-16) in the final game of the tournament, yesterday. The UST (21-16) defeated the UST (21-16) in the final game of the tournament, yesterday.

The other semifinal game of the tournament was played between the UST (21-16) and the UST (21-16) in the final game of the tournament, yesterday.

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A top prize of P500,000 is at stake in both divisions with the schools of the championship teams getting P500,000 each of sports equipment.

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## Culture as catalyst

AT THE 50th ANNUAL PHILIPPINE FILM FESTIVAL, I met with two friends, Antonio Canalis and Johnnie Perez, who run the Baguio-based Center for Creative Arts (CCA). They are a husband-and-wife duo of jewelry and art designers. The CCA promotes and facilitates the cultural training process conducted under the joint sponsorship of the National Commission on Culture and the Office of Culture Development for the House. Their multiculturalism workshop in Antique draws over 100 participants from various regions, considered the largest of its kind in the Philippines. The workshop sessions as well as the indigenous Art Expo were exposed to the creative processes—music, dance, drama, crafts, myths and legends—rooted in the indigenous belief systems. The workshop was held in a traditional wooden house built from bamboo in a corner of Baguio and across the busy highway for years ago and located in Paoay. This village is a small town, barely a 100 miles from Baguio, which was largely by the late American rule. Antique was the first province to join early 1900s.

There used to be a time when the two friends were integrated as well as they painted, sang, staged dramas, etc., at the workshop. In a classroom director Canalis and Antonio Perez, who is also a jewelry designer, were the two people who "cultured the young" and the workshop sessions were held in a traditional wooden house built from bamboo in a corner of Baguio and across the busy highway for years ago and located in Paoay. This village is a small town, barely a 100 miles from Baguio, which was largely by the late American rule. Antique was the first province to join early 1900s.

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## POLITICAL TIDBITS

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## David and Goliath

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# Lessons from a fallen star

NORA Aunor's best course of action should have been a plea bargain. Putting up a "not guilty" plea was tantamount to imputing upon the US airport authorities the crime of planting evidence, which is common in the Philippines. Calling upon her fans to lend her their support to influence the US court is most inappropriate and futile.

She is not in the Philippines where justice is on the auction block. Fans who genuinely adore her must concede that she is vulnerable to drug abuse and she deserves their sympathy and moral support; but there is nothing they can do to spare her from the operation of US laws.

Celebrities have a responsibility to their fans, primarily to set an example of upright behavior; and when circumstances lead them to infraction of the law, to graciously submit themselves to just punishment.

The whole nation will be sympathetic to No-

ra Aunor for her artistry and humility of spirit, but it should not be called upon to gloss over a wrongdoing.

The Department of Foreign Affairs should be most circumspect in its moves. There will be the temptation to pander to the sentiments of the "Noranians" asking for the support of the President for her embattled "look alike," never mind the government's image. It will be the height of lunacy if President Macapagal-Arroyo's handlers will as much as think of this.

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## On erring private emission centers

I AM writing to clarify some of the points raised by Belinda Olivares-Cunanan on the alleged inaction of the undersigned on the erring private emission testing centers (PETCs) caught by the team of Environment Secretary Michael Defensor during its "sting operation." (PDI, 4/23/05) May I invite attention to the following:

1. Secretary Defensor and myself held a joint press conference on March 4 to announce the zero-tolerance policy of the PETC monitoring committee, which I head, against all forms of fraudulent emission inspection.

2. We requested Defensor and his team to submit their findings to us for validation, including certificate of emission compliance (CEC) forms issued by these erring PETCs. As provided for in the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of the Clean Air Act and the DENR-DOTC-DTI Joint Administrative Order, the PETC monitoring committee has an established process of covert and overt monitoring where representatives of the Department of Transportation and Communications, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Trade and Industry and non-government organizations work as a team to catch specific cases of infidelity in the emission inspections. The findings of this team serve as the basis for suspending PETCs or revoking their authorization altogether.

3. The day after our press conference, we dispatched the monitoring teams to immediately monitor the PETCs cited by Defensor's team, as agreed upon with Environment Undersecretary Ramon Page.

4. Based on the findings of our own monitoring teams and on previous data, 15 of the PETCs in the DENR list have been suspended; the other PETCs will be suspended should our monitoring teams confirm the derogatory findings of the DENR.

5. In the notice of suspension, the erring PETCs were explicitly warned that their authorization will be permanently canceled should they be caught again doing fraudulent emission inspection.

We have also instituted several reforms to deter the use of fake CECs. We are also evaluating the IT service providers of the PETCs to ensure reliable online, real time reporting of inspections (done by the PETCs) to the DOTC/LTO. We are also looking into the possibility of putting digital cameras in PETCs to prevent "non-appearance" and other fraudulent inspection practices.

As an avid reader of Cunanan's column, I believe in her impartiality and integrity in the pursuit of truth and excellence. We hope she will give our side an appropriate space in her future columns.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to set the record straight and informing the general public of our undertakings pursuant to the mandate given to this office under the Clean Air Act.

—RICARDO E. ALFONSO JR.,  
Undersecretary for land transportation,  
Department of Transportation  
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## ARMY polls declared 'free zone' by Palace

**DAVO CITY —** President Mac-

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# Army files rebellion raps vs 3 activists in Quezon

**CAMP KENYON, LILA, Laguna —** Two days after they were indicted in Calapan, Quezon, three female members of a militant urban post organization who were earlier reported abducted by unidentified armed men found themselves facing charges of rebellion.

Chief Supt. Jovito Venera, Calapan police chief, indicated those charged with rebellion at the Laguna Provincial Trial Court in Long Beach, Quezon, and the Laguna Provincial Trial Court in Long Beach, Quezon.

The three were all members of the Left-leaning group Kanyon-South, Tagalog.

Section 17, was the group's secretary general.

But an earlier report from the Quezon police said Justice's charges were filed on suspicion that the three were in the area to collect revolutionary taxes for the New People's Army.

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## 3 councilors face raps for forged measure

**OPIMBO CITY —** For coming up with a spurious legislation, three councilors of the town of Opimbo, Quezon, were indicted for rebellion.

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**SHAKE MEN**  
Members of the New People's Army (NPA) and the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) are seen in a meeting in Dagupan City.

## Dagupan City daily writes 30

**DAVOS CITY —** After 10 years of publishing, the daily newspaper Dagupan City Daily is now publishing its 30th anniversary issue.

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## Lawyers sue cult to get custody of Baguio girl

**BAGUIO CITY —** The Free Legal Movement Group (FLMG) and the party list group Davao are suing to recover a teenage from a 10-year-old child, claiming that she is a member of a cult.

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# SPORTS



**CATCH** Santos, properly and Bung Perry riding the waves AAD Surfing Championship in Cagayan. PGFF president Bobby Garcia (top right) shows off the beautiful fish of the event, a 34.7 kg dogfish. Also shown are champion angler and their 3rd day catch.

## Nery-Santos tops AAD fishing meet

**MANILA** Angler of the Year 2003 Bung Perry and Danilo Santos, a pair fishing together, emerged the champion boat team of the recent AAD Surfing Championship in Cagayan. Nery and Santos landed 82.10 kg, including Santos' 24.2 kg and Perry's 57.9 kg. They were followed by second-place team of 76.90 kg.

Angler of the Year 2004 Santos posted the 13 year-old BP record of 25.54 kg on a 34.7 kg dogfish. In the 1st round, Santos and Perry landed 64.60 kg. In the 2nd round, Santos and Perry landed 82.10 kg on the 34.7 kg dogfish. Santos' 24.2 kg and Perry's 57.9 kg. They were followed by second-place team of 76.90 kg.

# Mikola fastest in AF3 trial runs

**GUANGZHOU, China**—Indonesian driver Jonny Mikola again topped the fastest class in practice time Friday, but it didn't take him long to lose his lead in the qualifying round.

Mikola clocked an amazing 13.127 seconds around the 0.5 km 1/4 mile track on Saturday morning of the third and

fourth day of the 2005 Asian Formula Three Championship.

The second round was a 1.2 km qualifying race. Mikola is coming for another season of the work, and he won the Formula One title which is leading the series for the first time. Mikola, racing for Team Lotus, was the fastest, with a time of 13.127 seconds. He was followed by second-place driver, 13.147 seconds, and third-place driver, 13.157 seconds.

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### SPORTSWATCH

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# Slain newsman's kin want 2 top cops out of probe

By Benji Alonzo

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## Cloud of partiality

Whispered, said Alonzo and those had themselves have subject of criticism from Commission for their alleged failure to call illegal questioning in Zamboanga del Norte and in Davao.

"It is better that they be taken out of the picture, because whenever they do would be subjected to speculation. This is also to remove them from any cloud of partiality in the investigation," the latter said.

But Chief Supt. Told Quinsig, chief of the National Maritime Area Office (NMAO), said the latter's role was "preventive" and not to be involved.

"There is no any of evidence in fact that can implicate the mayor of Davao and the governor of Zamboanga del Norte. There is no person responsible as suspects at this time," Quinsig said.

## No witnesses yet

But Dila, station manager of DRA, said the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group had identified several witnesses who had yet to submit their statements to the task force.

But Quinsig said, "We have a number of witnesses and no witnesses." Then, he said, the conduct of the investigation was "uphill climb."

"We have been very much leading to anybody's decision," was Quinsig's quick reply to speculation that several personnel were being considered as suspects.

Advances had earlier said that three "nationalist" people might have been involved in the murder.

Quinsig said he might be going to the investigation reviewed with relation to "Quinsig's" being a media man who found hard hitting communication."

"We have been happy with this case (investigation) and the way he handled it (people)," Quinsig said.

According to Quinsig, the task force has no doubt for its work because the investigation should proceed in a "straight and efficient" manner.

## UN intervention

"We will work on the basis of what is available," he said. "I therefore call an international case and help themselves (not) leave the police force out."

In Manila, Carlos Conde, an assistant general of the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines, said reports that the NMAO was coordinating with the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) to seek the investigation of the latter.

Conde said they would re-examine the UN as a media report that they would investigate the killing of Philippine journalists and make the necessary recommendations to the international body.

He said the killings could be considered a human rights issue, while from an anti-terrorism viewpoint of the police.

"We should urge the government to assist for their security investigation by the UN."



**PHOTO** Benji Alonzo, station manager of DRA, was escorted by police officers after he was shot by a gunman in Davao City.

will share this government before the international community," Conde said.

## Sharing system

The Philippines is a signatory to international documents committed to the protection of human rights, particularly the UN Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It has also signed to the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights.

CHR chief Purificacion Quinsig said the agency would submit a report on the killings to the UN International Commission on Human Rights.

She said she would also recommend to the UN High Commissioner on Human Rights that suspension be made on the country.

# PNP open to arming journalists

By Luis G. del Puerto and Alvin Pardo

THE PHILIPPINE National Police is open to the idea of arming journalists but the closer to this issue must be proven, PNP spokesperson Lt. Insp. Leopoldo Bataid said yesterday.

"Not all journalists who have a strong gun face threat, but this should not be given a PNP license to carry," Bataid said on the phone. "But if a journalist who is a human rights worker is being a threat, that threat must first be validated by the police."

Only then can he be given a PNP license.

Bataid was responding to the suggestion, raised by a group calling itself the Association of Armed Journalists of the Philippines to allow members of the media to carry guns.

In statements, the group said journalists should not "wait for someone to shoot at them or get kidnapped and then be made free."

Bataid said journalists who have been being threatened continuously and who are being threatened by the PNP for the last 10 years asking for police security are given protection, he said.

But the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP) and the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) said arming journalists was not the solution to the system of media killings.

"The idea of arming journalists is a danger to journalists and journalism as a whole. It is a violation of the law and we do not encourage that," said NMAO assistant general Carlos Conde.

But Conde acknowledged that journalists already had firearms. He estimated that around 30 percent of journalists were being targeted by the police.

CHR chief Purificacion Quinsig agreed with Conde, saying arming journalists would "make the situation worse."

"It is as if we are already giving up on the situation and creating instead an active violence of citizens and lawbreakers. Why stop with journalists? Why not let us everyone else?" she said.

Quinsig added that the idea "will not work and will not prevent the killings. It will instead increase the insecurity with which journalists are killed because there is no rule of law."

Since 1986, 47 journalists have been killed. Conde said that of the 47 cases, only two had reached the point where the perpetrators were prosecuted.

"The clearing system in the investigation of community is very powerful. I do not wish for an outside force to come to the country but we are part of an international community. It means there is a failure of justice here," Quinsig said, and a media dialogue on the killing of journalists.

She also confirmed that a "media dialogue" was now starting in the country.

"A culture of impunity exists if the government does not respond to reports of human rights violations against to citizens and if there is a failure of justice. There is a culture of impunity in the Philippines because authorities are not responding to the killing of journalists," Quinsig said. With a report from Alvin Pardo.

# GMA order illegal, says Señeres

By Benji Alonzo

In discrediting her administration,

the GMA chair revealed that he had contemplated ordering his police to the arrest of several leaders of the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines group made late resolutions.

"Then would not be quite because there is no reason to, not had second thoughts I agree because they will not see," he said.

Señeres said he denied allegations, saying they were based on the pretext of "a crime against peace." He added that he was prepared to explain his role in the controversy, either verbally or in writing, if the President so directed.

The chair official said he welcomed Mr. Duterte's decision that the GMA should have a greater say on how the NMAO should be run administratively. He said the commission had always generally accepted the "Times" help and had followed her suggestions on how to speed up the resolution of thousands of pending labor cases.

However, Señeres said, the President's order was flawed because Article 273 of the Labor Code clearly stated that only he, assisted by the commission's executive director, had the sole administrative supervision of the NMAO, to represent branches, and all personnel, including labor unions.

The NMAO chair may have obtained the unwitting support of the militant, often anti-government groups Maguindanao and Marawi. Many Union, which said NMAO takeover of the NMAO had the same between the Times and Señeres would not be true for it to both local and overseas Filipino workers.

But, Times previously confirmed that President Macapagal-Arroyo made mention of Señeres' alleged disqualification plan against her administration when she met with labor leaders to discuss the 19 point agenda for labor law.

With Christine O. Brundage









## MAJOR BOOST

## Filipino IT workers 'above average,' says study

By Russell W. Domingo

FILIPINO workers are "above average" compared to those of other countries handling outsourced business processes of multinational companies.

According to a survey by Japan's Philippine Inc., conducted between April 2004 and March 2005, local professionals involved in information technology scored an average of 63.7 percent satisfaction rating in areas like professional knowledge and skills, responsiveness and proactivity, and overall performance.

Trade Secretary Ann F. Sison said the results were a huge leap for local companies that wanted to work with Japanese firms in areas like Web-enabled applications, engineering design, and telecommunications and so-



**PHilPac** IT workers scored an average satisfaction rating of 63.7 percent.

second estimates.

The survey was conducted for PH's subsidiary, Welby Systems International Inc., which it describes as the largest software development firm

based in the country.

Welby provides outsourced IT services for Japanese multinational corporations in the Asia Pacific, North America and other parts of the world.

"Japanese firms look to the Philippines for software development and related outsourcing requirements despite stiff competition from other countries," PH said in a statement.

The company noted this is consistent to the previous trend among Japanese firms of looking toward the Asia IT services market, due to lack of satisfactory quality, confidentiality and timeliness.

Data from the Department of Trade and Industry showed that Japan is the third largest IT services market in the world after North America and Europe.

Japan's IT services spending is projected to reach \$130 billion in 2006, with a steady growth rate of 1.3 percent a year, which was better than the global figure of 0.7 percent and the US level of 0.3 percent.

In a bid to capture a wider market,

Western and other local IT-enabled services are taking part in the Software Development Expo and Conference (SDEX) to be held in Tokyo from June 29 to July 1.

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## DOF to review VAT plan for overseas calls

By Michele N. Rana

THE DEPARTMENT OF Finance would review the plan to impose value-added tax on overseas calls.

The DOF said the move could negatively impact the telecommunications companies. On monthly value-added calls are expected to be 1.8 percent VAT, while overseas calls are charged a 10-percent overseas communication tax (OCT).

Telecommunications companies, including Sun Cellular and Globe Telecommunications, earlier asked government to charge VAT on overseas calls, instead of the OCT, claiming that having different kinds of rates have created an uneven playing field.

They explained that having two types of tax was an administrative burden because it required them to segregate overseas and domestic services in making their sales reports.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue, however, earlier imposed exemptions when adopting overseas calls to VAT, saying it would reduce tax collection.

The BIR said telecommunications companies might pay lower taxes under VAT because they can input credit taxes, which allows companies to deduct input VAT credits from their VAT liabilities (output VAT).

A DOF official, however, said the DOF would take a second look into the proposal as it was pending for a negotiated tax assistance law.

The official said, however, that the review of the proposal would be delayed for the time being because the BIR and Congress were still focused on finalizing the VAT reform bill still pending with the legislative committee.

## Court bars sale of Gotesco land

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

THE Manila Regional Trial Court has prohibited Gotesco Land Inc. and chair and president Jose G. Gotesco from selling or transferring shares, pieces of property and assets.

In a decision to the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), Gotesco Land Inc. received yesterday a notice of prohibition issued by the Regional Trial Court. Grounds for the prohibition is a case filed by Reyes, Lu-Chan and Chua against Gotesco Land Inc. for an injunction to prevent and restrain damages.

Gotesco officials were considered as if fraudulent transfers (prohibited) sales made by the business to defraud the firm of the case.

As of March, Gotesco held roughly 1.4 percent of the shares of Gotesco Land.

Under the rules of attachment, they were made upon all goods, effects, interests, real, personal, shares and other personal property of property belonging to or in Gotesco Land.

These assets, then, should not be alienated, transferred or sold except to the court itself.

The notice was issued last April 25. Gotesco said it only received the notice last Thursday.

Gotesco Land is the holding company for the property development projects of the Reyes-Gotesco Group of Companies.

It was originally registered as Gotesco Corp., which was changed to Gotesco Land Inc., which was engaged in the exploration and mining of gold, silver, copper, and iron ore in Gotesco del Norte and Davao del Sur.

In 1995, the company changed its name to Reyes-Gotesco Corp. and was the owner of the Reyes-Gotesco Group.

The company diversified into non-mining activities and extended its primary purpose to include property developments with focus on brown-field developments.

In the matter this court documents are brought to the attention of the Reyes-Gotesco Holdings Corp. namely, Jose G. Gotesco, Jr. as a real estate firm, is acquired, various projects involved in various real estate developments.

The company was hit, however, by the 1997 Asian economic crisis that led to the temporary suspension of some of its affiliated company and various projects.







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# It's really okay to pig out in **Piquant**

Low in fat but high in flavor? There's a place in Makati that serves exactly this kind of food



**Age against the machine**

Gino de la Paz



**H**EALTHY: Eating. Heh. For most people, those three words have the power to resurrect childhood traumas involving vegetables (asparagus for me), images of lettuce-eating models, or visions of a future without zing. Thank for whatever. Don those ideas to the side for now and leave me out. It's apparently possible to eat right and feel, you know, really not deprived.

My friends and I recently read about Piquant, a new place in BGC, Makati that serves really, *really* healthy dishes that are low in fat, but high in flavor. (Thanking Gino de la Paz for the tip-off of Piquant in Makati) and his partner Denise Palmer decided to open Piquant early this year after making major changes in their eating habits. "We were a bit of a mess of restaurants that served mostly healthy food," he says.

And for him, the reason for starting up the restaurant was also rather personal. "I faced a body-improvement challenge at the point realized that working out, healthy eating habits and a low-fat diet all go hand-in-hand," he shares. In that shared seeking advice, taking fat, and choosing what was "healthy" as I prepared my breakfast, lunch and dinner myself. I was careful not to be too strict to make as much of it as I could, which is what we read on how to do it. "After all, healthy food is not all pretty vegetable. Preparation also has a role to do with it. And will grow too. You see it."

It became a lifestyle as he and Denise thought it would be the perfect location. "We call it Piquant!" We had a really fun time finding a name. We even wanted to name it "The Super Food" but Denise said, "Thank God for Piquant." I came across the word "Piquant" in the dictionary and the definition resonated as that was "the taste." I laughed it, too, and found out that the word means "appetizing stimulating to the palate." Since their priority was delicious food, that was also good for you, the name said it well.

## Anything but bland

"What? Bland? Bland? Bland? or what, my food? What is the world coming to? The

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**SOUP-RO** Cream of Corn and Tomato



**ORANGE-LIME** Piquant Corn and Apple











**EXTREME GAMES.** Luis Villaharta established his own waterboarding center.



**IT'S NOT CHICKEN.** Sami Tasson relaxes with the Peking Duck.



**PUTTING DOWN.** Vernio Reyes gives a gift to golfers.

# The drive to school never felt this good

By John Memon  
Photos by Raul Nua

**T**hirdly, are the owners? The Center for International Education—the only International Association of the University of Cebu chapter in the Philippines. Please see how they're making the business world outside the classroom.

**Ryan Nua, 17**  
**Theresa Chu, 11**

## Party Animals Inc.

These business partners really like pets, so they decided to make you their business. As a group of six, of his kind's pet dogs, they got the idea of putting up a party place. In the future, they're hoping to have related businesses like pet training, pet spa, pet clothing, and their dream project—pet cemetery.

**Jesse Russo, 11**

## Spin City DJ Education

Do schools are like about our Spin City is the first of its kind in the country. Here, students, before his DJ school will prove to be successful. And if it's any indication, world number 1. Both DJ Party Central and just faced between entrepreneur and DJ (a) Spin Harris were present in 4000 alongside the young entrepreneur whose house launched his DJ school. Also was only 19 when he hosted 3,000 other visitors for the classes to inspire the Philippines and Asia in the Ministry of Sound DJ Music in the Philippines, Manila.

**Vernio Reyes, 11**

## Golf-throwing Pole Distribution

Mike started playing golf when he was eight years old, and since then he has consistently fallen more in love with the sport. He dreams of having his own pole, and with a golf handicap of 100, his dream is not far from being fulfilled. By distributing the best, affordable golf-throwing pole that adds pleasure in having the proper weight up before every game, he supports not just his passion, but also helps maintain the golf course in the country.

**Luis Villaharta III, 11**

## Waterboarding Center

Of the international, Sami Tasson—also a Lino 11, another golf enthusiast who dreams of one day being a pro, the lower it is (11), "no different from my previous school. I plan to stay here until graduation" (a) his own sports as well, and have like other people of his own parents to have a reason for visiting games. He thinks his waterboarding center will be a hit with everyone who's into extreme sports.

**Christian Miranda, 10**

## Embassy of Foreign Universities

Capitalizing on his vast network of friends enrolled in the best American, European, and Australian universities, Christian has decided a unique place for local students who want to study abroad. By looking up with Christian's online service, you can look up with other students, Filipino or otherwise, currently enrolled in the university of your choice. His business offers counseling, representation, workshops, help with paperwork and visa applications, consultation regarding the country and maintaining awareness by "Outlook magazine". Among the mentors is Christian's parent—he is presented in a press launch.



**LOVE-THROW PARTY ANIMALS.** Theresa Chu and Ryan Nua can throw a mean Internet for your pets.

most are students and graduates of Harvard, Stanford, Oxford, and the University of Melbourne, just to name a few.

**Sami Tasson, 11**

## Peking' Duck

Food and his family enjoy eating the

Peking Duck in Chinese restaurants, but they are usually too expensive to be enjoyed regularly. Enter "Peking Duck", Sami's own version of the classic duck dish, only this time, it's made of chicken.

Aside from this novel business concept, Sami also attracts to the prospect of tropical landscaping.



**YOUNG KIMBARDON.** Christine Miranda capitalized on his network.

**Christine Chusachay, 10**

## 'The Ugly-Ugly Way'

Christine feels that businessmen know about "ugly" (second hand clothing), but don't stop there. They have as many misconceptions about it." So she decided to write a book, "The Ugly-Ugly Way", to help people find great stuff, special and unique, with just a small budget. The book is the first definitive guide to the country complete with detailed maps, beginning tips, program's self phone numbers, and an outstanding plethora of useful information.

Ugly is located on the 20th floor of the Manhattan Tower of the BGC Plaza in Makati. Call 887-2020 or visit [www.uglybook.ph](http://www.uglybook.ph).





It's Time Love

# Basic Instinct

Mother knows best. And she will never let you forget it.

By Katrina Holgersen  
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**I**N OBSERVANCE of all things colorful in this country we celebrate Mother's Day tomorrow. We find ourselves doing last-minute gift purchases, dinner reservations, hastily writing a card, or perhaps, a (snafu?) dove as a "memento." Mothers are like supreme beings. They can bargain a diaperaper down to bankruptcy, can prescribe a medical professional in moments, and know the ABSOLUTELY MOST PERFECT boyfriend/girlfriend/bestowed/wife/doctor/route to take place to sleep/food to cook/gift to bring (it's in the blank). Plus, they are the All-Seeing Eye and even while crumpling leaves after a night of debauchery with fantastic lies and excuses looking up in your head, we split second of a mother's gaze looking into your glassy eye the next morning has you spluttering the ugly truth.

Whether you want to align or not to your mother is irrelevant. Mother knows best. And she will never let you forget it. Some mothers are so sensitive that they cannot EXACTLY how you feel about their latest purchase, culinary effort, or whatever it is they ask your opinion about (are those shiny pants?) without you knowing it would. This trait, varying among mothers, can put the entire cast of *Ally in Rome*. Granted that they're not always right, and you there are some mothers who are the best of the world beyond their ongoing tales, many seem to be preoccupied with regard to YOUR life. This may extend to our choice in partners or friends, and when we move home (stunned and less than thrilled), they rise as opponents as if to say "I see that loser coming a MILL away... how did you know..."

## Sixth sense

Wouldn't it be awesome if we, children of the parents, could also develop our intuition, and use it wisely to make decisions for ourselves about the situation and people around us? This "sixth sense" is a gift that is inherent in everyone, but doesn't have to be. "I see that loser coming" (snort snort) but certainly can become more sensitive to the Unseen. Yes, I mean the living. Try this one:

**STOP AND LISTEN.** Due to the barrage of fast-moving images, fast songs, fast internet speeds, we expect instant answers, reactions, replies. With all the mental noise we do not

allow ourselves to distinguish between what is intuitive and what is just "noise." Trust instead to basic instincts about something or someone (sometimes) delivered from your gut. The moment you allow your mind (or your heart and experience) to "interfere" what you just felt, you distort the truth. Try not to what what you initially feel most touched by, yes, because it is intuitive.

## Hear something!

**ASK AND REFLECT.** If you are Christian (and you may not be), prayer has its benefits, but sometimes in prayer one becomes engulfed in asking, thinking, asking, thinking that there is no hope at all in mental and in verbal action to LISTEN to a reply. Ask and you shall receive is the catch. In other words, shut up, really. Quiet the mind and open the self and allow God a PRIZE in. When you've been in a conversation with your closest loved ones at you in the same time? Do you truly hear what your friend is trying to say? Like in person, you have to be polite and audible when you are talking to, to listen. Even in the silence and you WILL hear something.

That sounds obvious doesn't it? And none of us, how do you REALLY REALLY know if what you feel is REALLY REALLY REAL? (say that three times and feel it). Intuition, intuition is a word that needs to be heard. And if you can't find what it means, then where else are you going to find it? Or do you keep asking

mother if what is in your mind, you say? YOU'VE DONE IT BEFORE. Look back... if you're old enough to read this, then you'll see how much at least ONE minor decision in your life. Can you remember exactly what you felt back when you made up your mind that made everything fall into place? The thing about intuition is that you can only recall it in hindsight. There was a time (maybe several) when you were, was all up to you.

Think to the Motherhood.

My own theory on why mothers are practically perfect when it comes to their children is because they are made a perfect choice, once they choose to be a mom, and in that, they have gained special powers. No, you may wonder why there's a little spark.

I am aware that there are many mother-child relationships that are in dire need of nurturing and connection. There are those who are in love and I have been blessed with a mother who, though not always "right," was always coming from the right direction, one guided by love. For this Mother's Day I would like to urge you to make peace with the woman who brought you into this world. Whatever the state of your relationship with your mom is, let credit, the old what she likes to hear by you. And if you are not reading this from behind bars, then she didn't do much to help you.

Have more to message. Happy Mother's Day Momma!